

IN THE CLAIMS

1-36. (cancelled)

37. (currently amended) A method of decreasing pigmentation in a person in need thereof comprising the steps of: providing a topical cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of 2,9-dihydroxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and ~~at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant~~; and

applying said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof.

38. (currently amended) A method of slimming, reducing cellulite or firming the skin of a person in need thereof comprising the steps of:

providing a topical cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and ~~at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant~~; and

applying said compound to the skin of a person in need thereof.

39-41. (cancelled)

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 37 or 38 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.0001 (w/w) and 50% (w/w).

43. (currently amended) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present at a concentration ~~preferably~~ between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, or nanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 42 wherein said composition is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

46-55. (cancelled)

56. (new) The method of claim 42 further comprising an active substance selected from the group consisting of exfoliate actives, anti-acne actives, vitamin C and its derivatives, vitamins B₁ through B₁₂, and their derivatives, vitamin E and its derivatives, vitamin H, vitamin K, vitamin A and the retinoids, peptides, hydroxy acids, antioxidants, radicals quenchers, chelating agents, anti-inflammatory actives, tanning actives, skin bleaching actives, anti-cellulite actives, antimicrobial actives, anti-wrinkle actives, anti-lipolysis actives, lipogenesis stimulating actives, anti-stress agents, proteolysis inhibitors, in particular inhibitors of the MMP, enzymes, ceramides and their analogues, anti-irritants and actives softening the skin, anti-pollution actives, healing actives, hydrating, emollients, anti-sun protection actives, sunscreens and filters UV, firming actives, and liposomes.

57. (new) The method of claim 42 further comprising a principal adjuvant selected from the group consisting of organic or hydroglycolic solvent, fatty substance obtained by extraction or synthesis, ionic or non-ionic thickener, softener, opacifier, stabilizer, emollient, silicone, α - or β -hydroxy acid, antifoaming agent, moisturizing agent, vitamin, perfume, preservative, sequestering agent, coloring agent, gel-forming and viscosity-increasing polymer, surfactant and emulsifier, water- or fat-soluble active principle, plant extract, tissue extract, marine extract, sun filter, antioxidant, abrasive, absorbent, essential oil, astringent, anti-agglomerant agent, antifoaming agent, antimicrobial agent, binder, biological additive, buffering agent, bulking agent, chelating agent, chemical additive, cosmetic astringent, cosmetic biocide, denaturant, drug astringent, external analgesic, film former, opacifying agent, pH adjuster, propellant, reducing agent, sequestrant, skin-conditioning agent, humectant, skin treating agent, or thickener.

58. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

59. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein said compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, or nanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

60. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein said composition is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

61. (new) The method of claim 57 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

62. (new) The method of claim 57 wherein said compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, or nanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

63. (new) The method of claim 57 wherein said composition is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.

64. (new) A composition comprising: a compound selected from the group consisting of 1,2,10-trimethoxy-9-hydroxy-6-methyl-noraporphine, 2,9-diacetyloxy-1,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and 1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6-methyl-noraporphine and cosmetically acceptable salts thereof, and optical isomers thereof, and at least one of a carrier, active substance or a principal adjuvant;

wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.0001 (w/w) and 50% (w/w);

wherein said active substance is selected from the group consisting of exfoliate actives, anti-acne actives, vitamin C and its derivatives, vitamins B₁ through B₁₂, and their derivatives, vitamin E and its derivatives, vitamin H, vitamin K, vitamin A and the retinoids, peptides, hydroxy acids, antioxidants, radicals quenchers, chelating agents, anti-inflammatory actives, tanning actives, skin bleaching actives, anti-cellulite actives, antimicrobial actives, anti-wrinkle

actives, anti-lipolysis actives, lipogenesis stimulating actives, anti-stress agents, proteolysis inhibitors, in particular inhibitors of the MMP, enzymes, ceramides and their analogues, anti-irritants and actives softening the skin, anti-pollution actives, healing actives, hydrating, emollients, anti-sun protection actives, sunscreens and filters UV, firming actives, and liposomes; and

wherein said principal adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of organic or hydroglycolic solvent, fatty substance obtained by extraction or synthesis, ionic or non-ionic thickener, softener, opacifier, stabilizer, emollient, silicone, α - or β -hydroxy acid, antifoaming agent, moisturizing agent, vitamin, perfume, preservative, sequestering agent, coloring agent, gel-forming and viscosity-increasing polymer, surfactant and emulsifier, water- or fat-soluble active principle, plant extract, tissue extract, marine extract, sun filter, antioxidant, abrasive, absorbent, essential oil, astringent, anti-agglomerant agent, antifoaming agent, antimicrobial agent, binder, biological additive, buffering agent, bulking agent, chelating agent, chemical additive, cosmetic astringent, cosmetic biocide, denaturant, drug astringent, external analgesic, film former, opacifying agent, pH adjuster, propellant, reducing agent, sequestrant, skin-conditioning agent, humectant, skin treating agent, or thickener, said composition being a topical cosmetic product or dermatopharmaceutical.

65. (new) The topical cosmetic product or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 64 wherein said compound is present at a concentration between 0.001 (w/w) and 20% (w/w).

66. (new) The topical cosmetic product or dermatopharmaceutical composition of claim 64 wherein said

compound is present in the form of a solution, dispersion, emulsion, paste, or powder, or is included individually or as a premix in vehicles constituted by carriers such as macro-, micro-, or nanocapsules, liposomes or chylomicrons, macro-, micro-, ornanoparticles or microsponges, or are adsorbed on organic polymers powders, talcs, bentonites, or other inorganic supports.

67. (new) The topical cosmetic product or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 64 which is an emollient lotion, emollient milk, emollient cream, milk for care of the skin or hair, cream for care of skin or hair, make-up-removing cleansing cream, lotion, or milk.

68. (new) The topical cosmetic product or dermopharmaceutical composition of claim 64 which is a foundation, tint base, sun-screen, suntan lotion, milk, or cream, shaving cream, shaving foam, aftershave, shampoo, lipstick, mascara, or nail varnish.